

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application. Please amend claims 1-12 so that the current status of all claims is as follows:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A method of making an authentication product, comprising the steps of:
providing a first product, applying a plurality of micro discrete ~~image products~~ identification particles, each of said micro discrete ~~image products~~ identification particles applied to said first product and having a size no greater than about 20 microns and having at least one predetermined image thereon, said predetermined image having a size no greater than about 10 microns.
2. (currently amended) [A] The method according to claim 1 wherein said micro discrete ~~products~~ identification particles when placed on an article do not detract from the original appearance of the article as viewed under normal viewing conditions.
3. (currently amended) [A] The method according to claim 1 further comprising the step of viewing said first product under magnification so as to view said micro discrete identification particles for identification of said indicia.
4. (currently amended) [A] The method according to claim 1 wherein said ~~discrete~~ predetermined image is formed on a photosensitive media using near-field optics
5. (currently amended) A product having a plurality of micro discrete identification particles placed thereon, said micro-discrete identification particles having a size no greater than about 20 microns and having at least a portion of a micro image placed thereon, said micro image having a size no greater than about ~~20~~ 10 microns.

6. (currently amended) [A] The product according to claim 5 wherein said product comprises any one of the following: stock certificates, tickets, clothing, stamps, financial instruments, and labels.

7. (currently amended) [A] The product according to claim 6 wherein said micro discrete identification particles are applied on said product by applying an adhesive to said product or said micro discrete identification particles and applying said discrete identification particles to said product.

8. (currently amended) [A] The product according to claim 6 wherein said micro discrete identification particles are applied on said product by an electrostatic process.

9. (currently amended) [A] The product according to claim 5 wherein said discrete identification particles includes a photosensitive layer on which said ~~discrete images are~~ micro image is formed.

10. (currently amended) A micro discrete identification particle having a size no greater than about 20 microns and having photosensitive layer on which at least a portion of a micro image is formed thereon, said micro image having a size no greater than about 20 microns.

11. (currently amended) [A] The micro discrete identification particle according to claim 10 wherein said ~~discrete~~ micro image has a size no greater than about 10 microns.

12. (currently amended) [A] The micro discrete identification particle according to claim 10 wherein said at least a portion of [a] the micro image is ~~provided~~ repeated a plurality of times on said layer.